Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Armistice marking the end of World War I was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 1918; and,

Whereas, The sacrifices made by veterans in the defense of this great nation have allowed all citizens to live in freedom; and,

Whereas, There are thousands of men and women throughout the state of South Dakota who have met the greatest demand of citizenship, which is honorable military service; and,

Whereas, America's veterans have been steadfast guardians of peace and liberty not only here at home, but also around the world; and,

Whereas, Without the sacrifices which our veterans so willingly made in protecting our cherished freedom, we would not be the great nation we are today; and,

Whereas, Veterans Day affords each of us the opportunity to join with citizens all across America honoring those selfless individuals who were willing to risk their lives for our well being:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2003, as

VETERANS DAY

in South Dakota, and in suitable recognition of that day, I request that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings, on our streets, and on our homes. I urge all South Dakotans, including civic and patriotic organizations, businesses, churches, and schools to participate in, and give enthusiastic support to, appropriate ceremonies on this special day in honor of the courage and sacrifices of our veterans.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State